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To get a listing of which users are logged in and the database they have opened:

psql template1

SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity;

To determine the size of a database:

- 1) cd to the directory containing the databases
 - at AWIPS sites this is /data/db
 - accessible by user = postgres only
- 2) determine which partition the database resides in
- 3) cd into that partition
- 4) determine which directory corresponds to the database
 - directory names are of the form "1234567"
 - the query "select oid,* from pg_database;" will show the database name and the corresponding directory name
- 5) "du –sk" on the directory to get the size in Kbytes
 - or "du -sh" to get size in Mbytes

To determine the number of records in each public table in a database:

In Informix, this information is available in the systables table. In PostgreSQL, this information is not available in a system table because keeping accurate numbers is difficult due to the use of MVCC. The only accurate way to get this information is to do a "select count(*) from table_name;".

To determine which views are used by a table

If the user drops a table, all views which use columns from the table are also dropped. The following SQL will show which views are used by a table:

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psql -U pguser hd_ob7xxx
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select view_name from information_schema.view_table_usage where table name='table name';

The SQL above uses a set of views known as the "information schema". These views contain system information similar to Informix's system tables. See Chapter 32 of the postgres documentation for more information.